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Organization of the work of the Third Committee

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Third Committee are listed in the letter from the President of the Assembly to the Chairperson of the Third Committee (A/C.3/58/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/58/100 and Add.1).

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session (A/58/250), relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by the Assembly on the rationalization of its work and that of the Third Committee, the schedule of related intergovernmental meetings and the availability of documentation, as well as past experience in the utilization of conference services.

Interactive dialogues and debates

3. In accordance with the established practice of the Committee, immediately following the introduction of reports by executive heads and senior members of the Secretariat at the beginning of each debate, time will be set aside for an interactive dialogue between these officials and members of the Committee as part of the formal proceedings. Delegations are invited to participate actively in these dialogues with questions and comments in an unscripted format. They are requested to withhold their prepared statements for the Committee's official debates immediately following the dialogues.

4. Under agenda items 113 (Promotion and protection of the rights of children), 115 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination), 116 (Right of peoples to self-determination) and 117 (Human rights questions), time will likewise be set aside for dialogues with the special rapporteurs and representatives who will be reporting on their activities.

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5. Under agenda item 117, it should be noted that delegations may make one statement each under sub-items (a) and (d), which are to be discussed separately. Delegations may also make two statements under sub-items 117 (b), (c) and (e), but they should not make two statements on any one of those sub-items.

List of documents

6. Attention is drawn to the note on the status of preparation of documentation submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Third Committee (A/C.3/58/L.1/Add.1).

Length of statements

7. In accordance with established practice of the Committee, there are time limits on statements on all agenda items. The proposed time limit for statements in the general discussion of the various agenda items is seven minutes for delegations and 15 minutes for representatives of groups of delegations. Secretariat officials will also be limited to seven-minute statements, except when they deliver oral reports. In accordance with the decision of the General Assembly, delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for the same day and both meetings are devoted to consideration of the same item. The first statement in exercise of the right of reply may be five minutes, and the second statement should be no longer than three minutes.

Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

8. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The General Assembly has reminded delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance for ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. As decided by the Assembly, the requirement that at least one quarter of the members of the Committee must be present to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

Control and limitation of documentation

9. The Committee's attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 50/206 C of 23 December 1995 on the control and limitation of documentation. The Secretariat wishes to emphasize, in particular, paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of that resolution, in which the Assembly requested, inter alia, restraint on the part of members of all intergovernmental bodies in making proposals containing requests for new reports.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

10. The Committee is reminded that, in accordance with a decision of the General Assembly, chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3) are to be considered in conjunction with documentation under the relevant substantive agenda items, as well as under item 12.

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

11. Bearing in mind the allocation of the number of meetings available to the Third Committee and previous decisions of the General Assembly, the Assembly has set a target date of 21 November for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

Proposed programme of work of the Third Committee

Programme	*Documentation*
Monday, 29 September	
10 a.m.	
Election of the Bureau and organization of work	
Week of 6-10 October	
Monday, 6 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
Item 105. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (A/58/172) Letter dated 14 July 2003 from Morocco transmitting the final communiqué and declaration adopted at the thirty-fourth meeting of the Group of 77 (A/58/204)
Item 106. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family	Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3) Report of the Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (A/58/61-E/2003/5) Note by the Secretary-General on the preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004 (A/58/67-E/2003/49) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the World Youth Report 2003 (A/58/79) Report of the Secretary-General promoting youth employment (A/58/229) Report of the Secretary-General on cooperatives in social development (A/58/159) Report on the World Social Situation, 2003 (A/58/153)

Programme	*Documentation*
Item 107. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing	Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing (A/58/160)
1 p.m.	
Closure of the list of speakers on items 105, 106 and 107	
Tuesday, 7 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 105, 106 and 107. General discussion (continued)	
Wednesday, 8 October	
10 a.m.	
Items 105, 106 and 107. General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 105, 106 and 107	
Thursday, 9 October	
3 p.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
Item 108. Crime prevention and criminal justice	Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council, including the programme and final recommendations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (A/58/3) (Suppl. No. 3) Report of the Secretary-General on preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin (A/58/125) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (A/58/222) Report of the Secretary-General on the African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (A/58/223)

Programme	*Documentation*
	Report of the Secretary-General on promoting the ratification of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and Protocols thereto (A/58/165)
	Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (A/58/87-E/2003/82)
	Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on the programme and final recommendations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
	Letter dated 9 July 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations transmitting the text of the joint statement by the heads of State of the members of the Central Asian Cooperation Organization (A/58/131-S/2003/703)
Item 109. International drug control	Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3)
	Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on progress achieved in meeting the goals and targets set out in the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly and at its twentieth special session: a five-year review (A/58/124)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the quinquennial evaluation of the implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly devoted to countering the world drug problem together (A/58/253)

1 p.m.

Closure of list of speakers on items 108 and 109

Friday, 10 October

10 a.m.

Items 108 and 109. General discussion (continued)

Week of 13-17 October

Monday, 13 October

3 p.m.

Items 108 and 109. General discussion (continued)

Programme	*Documentation*
Tuesday, 14 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 108 and 109. General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 108 and 109	
Wednesday, 15 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
Item 110. Advancement of women	Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3) Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system (A/58/374) Report of the Secretary-General on traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls (A/58/169) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (A/58/38 (Parts I and II)) (Suppl. No. 38) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the financial situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (A/58/167) Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (A/58/167/Add.1) Report of the Secretary-General on violence against women migrant workers (A/58/161)

Programme	*Documentation*
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (A/58/341)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the future operation and financial situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (A/58/168)
Item 111. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"	Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and progress in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session (A/58/166)
1 p.m.	
Closure of list of speakers on items 110 and 111	
Thursday, 16 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 110 and 111. General discussion (continued)	
Friday, 17 October	
10 a.m.	
Items 110 and 111. General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 110 and 111	
3 p.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
Item 113. Promotion and protection of the rights of children	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (A/58/282)
	Note by the Secretary-General on the girl child (A/58/329)

Programme	*Documentation*
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the impact of armed conflict on children (A/58/328)

1 p.m.

Closure of list of speakers on items 113

Week of 20-24 October

Monday, 20 October

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Item 113. General discussion (continued)

Tuesday, 21 October

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Item 113. General discussion (concluded)

6 p.m.

Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 113

Wednesday, 22 October

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:

Item 114. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People	Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (A/58/289)

1 p.m.

Closure of the list of speakers on item 114

Thursday, 23 October

3 p.m.

Item 114. General discussion (concluded)

Programme	*Documentation*
6 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 114	
Friday, 24 October	
3 p.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
Item 115 (a). Elimination of racism and racial discrimination	Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (including recommendations of the Commission on Human Rights on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade (A/58/3) (Suppl. No. 3)
	Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (A/58/18) (Suppl. No. 18)
	Report of the Secretary-General submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/195 (A/58/80-E/2003/71)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (A/58/313)
Item 115 (b). Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action	Note by the Secretary-General on the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/58/331)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (A/58/324)
Item 116. Right of peoples to self-determination	Report of the Secretary-General on the right of peoples to self-determination (A/58/180)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (A/58/115)

Programme	*Documentation*

Week of 27-31 October

Monday, 27 October

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Items 115 (a) and (b) and 116. General discussion (continued)

1 p.m.

Closure of the list of speakers on items 115 (a) and (b) and 116

Tuesday, 28 October

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Items 115 (a) and (b) and 116. General discussion (continued)

Wednesday, 29 October

3 p.m.

Items 115 (a) and (b) and 116. General discussion (continued)

Thursday, 30 October

3 p.m.

Items 115 (a) and (b) and 116. General discussion (continued)

Friday, 31 October

10 a.m.

Items 115 (a) and (b) and 116. General discussion (concluded)

6 p.m.

Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 115 (a) and (b) and 116

Week of 3-7 November

Monday, 3 November

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Introductory statements, dialogue with the senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:

Programme	*Documentation*
Item 112. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions	Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/58/12) (Suppl. No. 12) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/58/12/Add.1) Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (A/58/353) Report of the Secretary-General on Follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (A/58/281) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees regarding the strengthening of the capacity of the Office to carry out its mandates Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (A/58/299)

1 p.m.

Closure of list of speakers on item 112

Tuesday, 4 November

3 p.m.

Item 112 General discussion (continued)

Wednesday, 5 November

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Item 112. (concluded)

6 p.m.

Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 112

Programme	*Documentation*
Thursday, 6 November	
3 p.m.	
Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion of:	
Item 117. Human rights questions	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the Chairpersons of the human rights treaty bodies on their fifteenth meeting, held at Geneva from 23 to 27 June 2003 (A/58/350)
Item 117 (a). Implementation of human rights instruments	Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3)
General discussion	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (A/58/326)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the international convention on the protection of all migrant workers and members of their families (A/58/221)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (A/58/307)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenants to Human Rights and Optional Protocols
	Report of the Human Rights Committee (A/58/40) (Suppl. No. 40)
	Report of the Committee against Torture (A/58/44) (Suppl. No. 44)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations voluntary fund on contemporary forms of slavery (A/58/306)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the convention against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

Programme	*Documentation*
	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for victims of torture (A/58/284)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (A/58/120)
	Letter dated 13 June 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations transmitting the report of an international meeting of experts on the theme of treaty body reform
1 p.m.	
Closure of the list of speakers for item 117 (a)	
Friday, 7 November	
10 a.m.	
Item 117 (a). General discussion (concluded)	
3 p.m.	
Item 117 (d). Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action	(No documentation)
General discussion (concluded)	
6 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 117 (a)	
Week of 10-14 November	
Monday, 10 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 117 (b). Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms	Report of the Secretary-General on the effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (A/58/255)

Programme	*Documentation*
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities (A/58/118 and Corr.1)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights defenders (A/58/380)
	Report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (A/58/261)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the Khmer Rouge trials
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Human Rights in Cambodia (A/58/317)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report by the Special Rapporteur on the right to food (A/58/330)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the role and achievements of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in assisting the Government and the people of Cambodia in the promotion and protection of human rights (A/58/268)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development (A/58/276)
	Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures (A/58/279)
	Report of the Secretary-General on protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (A/58/266)
	Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and mass exoduses (A/58/186)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress of efforts to ensure the full recognition and enjoyment of the human rights of persons with disabilities (A/58/181)

Programme	*Documentation*
	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress of efforts to ensure the full recognition and enjoyment of the human rights of persons with disabilities (A/58/181/Add.1)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the protection of migrants (A/58/275)
	Report by the representative of the Secretary-General on protection and assistance to internally displaced persons
	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity (A/58/185)
	Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization (A/58/212)
	Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (A/58/257)
	Report of the Secretary-General on human rights education (A/58/318)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief (A/58/296)
	Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and cultural diversity (A/58/309)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of migrants (A/58/121)
Item 117 (c). Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives	Note by the Secretary-General on the human rights situation of the Lebanese detainees in Israel (A/58/218)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

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	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Iraq
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/58/219)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the updates by the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights of his reports on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan (A/58/334)
	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/58/325)
	Note by Secretary-General transmitting the report of the mission of the Special Rapporteurs of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and on extrajudicial, summary and arbitrary executions and a member of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (A/58/127)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Burundi
	Report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on violence against women on the situation of women in Afghanistan
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the human rights situation in Sierra Leone (A/58/379)

Programme	*Documentation*
Item 117 (d). Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action	No advance documentation.
Item 117 (e). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/58/36) (Suppl. No. 36)
Dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	
6 p.m.	
Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 117 (d)	No advance documentation
Tuesday, 11 November	
3 p.m.	
Items 117 (b), (c) and (e). General discussion (continued)	
Wednesday, 12 November	
10 a.m.	
Items 117 (b), (c) and (e). General discussion (continued)	
Thursday, 13 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 117 (b), (c) and (e). General discussion (continued)	
1 p.m.	
Closure of list of speakers on items 117 (b), (c) and (e)	
Friday, 14 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Items 117 (b), (c) and (e). General discussion (continued)	

Programme	*Documentation*

Week of 17-21 November

Monday, 17 November

10 a.m.

Items 117 (b), (c) and (e). General discussion (concluded)

6 p.m.

Deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 117 (b), (c) and (e)

3 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Tuesday, 18 November

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Wednesday, 19 November

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Thursday, 20 November

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Friday, 21 November

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Action on outstanding draft proposals

Item 12. Report of the Economic and Social Council

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Addendum

Status of preparation of documentation

The annex to the present note provides information on the status of documentation before the Third Committee as at 8 September 2003.

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Annex

Status of preparation of documentation for the Third Committee as at 8 September 2003

Agenda item/sub-item *Document title/symbol (mandate)*	*Author*	*Slot date of submission*	*Issued*
12. Report of the Economic and Social Council			
A/58/3 (Suppl.) Report of the Economic and Social Council (Suppl. No. 3) (Rule 13 (b))	DGACM	*29/08/2003*	No
107. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly			
A/58/172 Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (GA res. 57/163, para. 10)	DESA		Yes
A/58/204 Letter dated 14 July 2003 from Morocco transmitting the final communiqué and declaration adopted by the thirty-fourth meeting of the Group of 77 (items 12, 40, 51, 60, 61, 93 (a), 93 (b), 93 (d), 93 (e), 93 (g), 94, 95 (d), 96, 97, 99 (b), 100, 102, 103, 106 and 107)			Yes
108. Social Development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family			
Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3)			
A/58/61-E/2003/5 Report of the Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (GA res. 56/115, para. 16)	DESA		Yes

Agenda item/sub-item *Document title/symbol (mandate)*	*Author*	*Slot date of submission*	*Issued*
A/58/67-E/2003/49 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the preparations for the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004 (GA res. 57/164, para. 10)	DESA		Yes
A/58/79 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the World Youth Report 2003 (GA res. 56/117, paras. 11 and 22)	DESA		Yes
A/58/153 Report on the World Social Situation, 2003 (GA res. 56/177, para. 14)	DESA	*Received: 11/07/2003*	No
A/58/159 Report of the Secretary-General on cooperatives in social development (GA res. 56/114, para. 8)	DESA		Yes
A/58/229 Report of the Secretary-General on promoting youth employment (GA res. 57/165, para. 4)	DESA		Yes
109. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing			
A/58/160 Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing (GA res. 57/167, para. 18)	DESA		Yes
110. Crime prevention and criminal justice			
A/58/3 (Suppl.) Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council, including programme and final recommendations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Suppl. No. 3) (GA res. 57/171, para. 13)	DGACM		No
A/58/87-E/2003/82 Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (GA res. 57/171, para. 14)	UNODC		Yes

Agenda item/sub-item *Document title/symbol (mandate)*	*Author*	*Slot date of submission*	*Issued*
A/58/125 Report of the Secretary-General on preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin (items 94 and 110) (GA res. 57/244)	UNODC		Yes
A/58/165 Report of the Secretary-General on promoting the ratification of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto (GA res. 57/168 and res. 57/169, paras. 2-5)	UNODC		Yes
A/58/222 Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (GA res. 57/173, para. 20)	UNODC		Yes
A/58/223 Report of the Secretary-General on the African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (GA res. 57/172, para. 10)	UNODC		Yes
A/58/ Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on the programme and final recommendations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (GA res. 57/171, para. 13)	UNODC		No
A/58/131-S/2003/703 Letter dated 9 July 2003 from Kazakhstan transmitting text of a joint statement by the heads of State of the members of the Central Asian Cooperation Organization (items 28, 93, 95, 110, 111 and 170)			No
III. International drug control			
Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3)			

Agenda item/sub-item *Document title/symbol (mandate)*	*Author*	*Slot date of submission*	*Issued*
A/58/124 Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on progress achieved in meeting the goals and targets set out in the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session: a five-year review (GA res. 55/65, para. 13, GA res. 56/124, para. 17)	UNODC		Yes
A/58/253 Report of the Secretary-General on the quinquennial evaluation of the implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly devoted to countering the world drug problem together (GA res. 57/174, para. 8)	UNODC		Yes
A/58/131-S/2003/703 Letter dated 9 July 2003 from Kazakhstan transmitting text of the joint statement by the heads of State of the members of the Central Asian Cooperation Organization (items 28, 93, 95, 110, 111 and 170)			No
112. Advancement of women			
Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3)			No
Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (A/58/38 (Part I))			Yes
Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (A/58/38 (Parts I and II) (Suppl. No. 38))		*Received: 08/08/2003*	No
A/58/161 Report of the Secretary-General on violence against women migrant workers (GA res. 56/131, para. 17)	DESA		Yes
A/58/167 Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (GA res. 56/129, para. 10)	DESA		Yes

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A/58/168 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (items 99 and 112) (GA res. 39/125)	UNDP		Yes
A/58/169 Report of the Secretary-General on traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls (GA res. 56/128, para. 5 (b))	DESA		Yes
A/58/ Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system (GA res. 57/180, paras. 6 (i) and 11)	DESA	*22/08/2003*	No
A/58/ Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (items 112 and 123) (GA res. 57/311)	DM	*12/09/2003*	No
A/58/ Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the financial situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (items 112 and 123)	ACABQ		No
A/58/ Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (GA res. 57/178, para. 23)	DESA	*15/08/2003*	No
A/58/ Report of the Secretary-General on future operations and financial situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (GA res. 57/175, para. 9 (b))	INSTRAW	*25/07/2003*	No

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113. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"			
Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3)			No
A/58/166 Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to and progress in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session (GA res. 50/203 and 56/132 and 57/182)	DESA		Yes
114. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions			
Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3)			
A/58/12 (Suppl.) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, 2002 (Suppl. No. 12) (GA res. 57/187, para. 13)	UNHCR		Yes
A/58/12/Add.1 (Suppl.) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Suppl. No. 12/Add.1) (GA res. 57/187, para. 13)	UNHCR		No
A/58/281 Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (GA res. 56/134, para. 13)	UNHCR		Yes
A/58/299 Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to unaccompanied refugees minors (GA res. 56/136, para. 12)	UNHCR	*Received: 20/08/2003*	No

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A/58/353 Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (GA res. 57/183, para. 35)	UNHCR	*Received: 08/09/2003*	No
A/58/ Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees regarding the strengthening of the capacity of the Office to carry out its mandate (GA res. 57/186, para. 3)	UNHCR		No
115. Promotion and protection of the rights of children			
A/58/272 Letter dated 4 August 2003 from Honduras transmitting a text on the rights of children			No
A/58/282 Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (GA res. 57/190)	OHCHR		Yes
A/58/329 Note by the Secretary-General on the girl child (GA res. 57/189, para. 18)	OHCHR	*Received: 29/08/2003*	No
A/58/ Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the impact of armed conflict on children	OSRSG	*15/08/2003*	No
116. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People			
A/58/289 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (GA res. 57/192, para. 4 (c))	OHCHR		Yes

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117. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: *(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*			
A/58/3 (Suppl.) Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (including recommendations of the Commission on Human Rights on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade (Suppl. No. 3)) (GA res. 57/195, para. 32)	DGACM		No
A/58/18 (Suppl.) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (Suppl. No. 18)	OHCHR		No
A/58/80-E/2003/71 Report of the Secretary-General submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/195 (GA res. 57/195, para. 41)	OHCHR		Yes
A/58/313 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (GA res. 57/195, para. 52)	OHCHR	*Received: 22/08/2003*	No
(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action			
A/58/324 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (GA res. 56/266)	OHCHR	*Received: 27/08/2003*	No
A/58/331 Note by the Secretary-General on the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (GA res. 57/195, para. 54)	OHCHR	*Received: 29/08/2003*	No

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118. Right of peoples to self-determination			
A/58/115 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (GA res. 57/196, para. 15)	OHCHR		Yes
A/58/180 Report of the Secretary-General on the right of peoples to self-determination (GA res. 57/197, para. 6)	OHCHR		Yes
119. Human rights questions			
(a) Implementation of human rights instruments			
Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3)			No
A/58/40 (Suppl.) Report of the Human Rights Committee (Suppl. No. 40) (GA res. 2200 A (XXI))	OHCHR		No
A/58/44 (Suppl.) Report of the Committee against Torture (Suppl. No. 44) (GA res. 39/46, annex, article 24)	OHCHR		No
A/58/120 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (GA res. 57/200, para. 31)	OHCHR		Yes
A/58/221 Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (GA res. 57/201, para. 8)	OHCHR		Yes

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A/58/284 Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (GA res. 57/200, para. 31)	OHCHR	*Received: 14/08/2003*	No
A/58/306 Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery (GA res. 46/122)	OHCHR	*Received: 22/08/2003*	No
A/58/307 Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	OHCHR	*Received: 22/08/2003*	No
A/58/326 Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (GA res. 57/200, para. 29)	OHCHR	*Received: 27/08/2003*	No
A/58/350 Note by the Secretariat containing the report of the chairpersons of the human rights treaty bodies on their fifteenth meeting, held in Geneva from 23 to 27 June 2003 (GA res. 57/300)	OHCHR	*Received: 05/09/2003*	No
A/58/ Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenants on Human Rights and the Optional Protocols (GA res. 56/144 and 2200 A (XXI))		*08/08/2003*	No
A/58/123 Letter dated 13 June 2003 from Liechtenstein transmitting the report of an international meeting of experts on the theme of treaty body reform (items 60 and 119 (a))			Yes
(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms			

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A/58/118 and Corr.1 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities (GA res. 57/229, para. 15)	OHCHR		Yes
A/58/121 Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of migrants (GA res. 57/218, para. 18)	OHCHR		Yes
A/58/181 Report of the Secretary-General on the progress of efforts to ensure the full recognition and enjoyment of the human rights of persons with disabilities (ECOSOC dec. 2002/265)	OHCHR		Yes
A/58/185 Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity (GA res. 57/203, para. 11)	OHCHR		Yes
A/58/186 Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and mass exoduses (GA res. 56/164, para. 13)	OHCHR		Yes
A/58/212 Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization (GA res. 56/159, para. 13)	DPA		Yes
A/58/255 Report of the Secretary-General on the effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (GA res. 56/162, para. 16)	OHCHR	*Received: 07/08/2003*	No
A/58/257 Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (GA res. 57/205, para. 12)	OHCHR		Yes

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A/58/261 Report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (GA res. 56/158, para. 19)	OHCHR		Yes
A/58/266 Report of the Secretary-General on protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (GA res. 57/160 and 57/219, para. 4)	OHCHR	*Received: 08/08/2003*	No
A/58/268 Report of the Secretary-General on the role and achievements of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in assisting the Government and the people of Cambodia in the promotion and protection of human rights (GA res. 57/225, sect. V, para. 2)	OHCHR		Yes
A/58/275 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the protection of migrants (GA res. 57/218, para. 18)	OHCHR	*Received: 12/08/2003*	No
A/58/276 Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development (GA res. 57/223, para. 33)	OHCHR		Yes
A/58/279 Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures (GA res. 57/222, para. 9)	OHCHR		Yes
A/58/296 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on freedom of religion or belief (GA res. 57/208, para. 19)	OHCHR	*Received: 19/08/2003*	No
A/58/309 Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and cultural diversity (GA res. 57/204, para. 14)	OHCHR	*Received: 22/08/2003*	No

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A/58/317 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia (GA res. 57/225, sect. V, para. 2)	OHCHR	*Received: 26/08/2003*	No
A/58/318 Report of the Secretary-General on human rights education (GA res. 57/206, para. 5, and GA res. 57/212)	OHCHR	*Received: 26/08/2003*	No
A/58/330 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report by the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the right to food (GA res. 57/226, para. 18)	OHCHR	*Received: 29/08/2003*	No
A/58/ Report by the representative of the Secretary-General on protection and assistance to internally displaced persons (GA res. 56/164, para. 16)	OHCHR	*08/08/2003*	No
A/58/ Report of the Secretary-General on the Khmer Rouge trials (GA res. 57/228 B)	OLA	*29/08/2003*	No
A/58/ Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the special representative of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights defenders (GA res. 56/163)	OHCHR	*19/09/2003*	No
(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives			
A/58/127 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the mission of the Special Rapporteurs of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and on extrajudicial, summary and arbitrary executions and of a member of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances of the Commission (GA res. 57/233, sect. V, para. 8 (b))	OHCHR		Yes
A/58/218 Note by the Secretary-General on the human rights situation of the Lebanese detainees in Israel (ECOSOC dec. 2003)	OHCHR		Yes

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A/58/219 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Myanmar	OHCHR		Yes
A/58/325 Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (GA res. 57/231, para. 6)	DPA	*Received: 28/08/2003*	No
A/58/334 Note by the Secretary-General regarding the report of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan (GA res. 57/234)	OHCHR	*Received: 29/08/2003*	No
A/58/ Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (GA res. 57/233, para. 8 (b))	OHCHR	*22/08/2003*	No
A/58/ Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq	OHCHR	*22/08/2003*	No
A/58/ Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health	OHCHR	*19/09/2003*	No
A/58/ Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Burundi	OHCHR	*19/09/2003*	No
A/58/ Report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on violence against women on the situation of women in Afghanistan	OHCHR	*19/09/2003*	No

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A/58/ Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the human rights situation in Sierra Leone	OHCHR	*19/09/2003*	No
(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action			
No advance documentation			
(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights			
A/58/36 (Suppl.) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Suppl. No. 36)	OHCHR		No

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Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Preparations for the observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004

Note by the Secretariat

By its resolution 2003/10 of 21 July 2003, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Preparation for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004

"*The General Assembly,*

"*Recalling* its resolutions 44/82 of 8 December 1989, 45/133 of 14 December 1990, 46/92 of 16 December 1991, 47/237 of 20 September 1993, 50/142 of 21 December 1995, 52/81 of 12 December 1997, 54/124 of 17 December 1999, 56/113 of 19 December 2001 and 57/164 of 18 December 2002 concerning the proclamation of, preparations for and observance of the International Year of the Family in 1994 and its tenth anniversary in 2004,

"*Recognizing* that the tenth anniversary of the Year constitutes an important opportunity to strengthen and enhance the effectiveness of efforts at all levels to carry out specific programmes within the framework of the objectives of the Year,

"*Recognizing also* that 2004 is to be viewed as a target year by which time concrete achievements will have been produced with respect to identifying and elaborating issues of direct concern to families and mechanisms will have been set up to plan and coordinate activities by the appropriate governmental and non-governmental bodies and agencies,

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"*Emphasizing* that equality between women and men and respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms of all family members are essential to family well-being and to society at large, noting the importance of reconciliation of work and family life and recognizing the principle that both parents have common responsibilities for the upbringing and development of the child,

"*Noting with satisfaction* the close collaboration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations active in the family field, as well as its research efforts and preparations for the tenth anniversary of the Year,

"*Appreciating* the active role of the regional commissions in the preparatory process of the tenth anniversary, particularly in facilitating regional cooperation in that regard,

"*Recalling* that one plenary meeting will be devoted at its fifty-ninth session, in 2004, to the observance of the tenth anniversary of the Year, building upon the events to be held on 15 May 2004 on the occasion of the International Day of Families,

"1. *Encourages* Governments to make every possible effort to realize the objectives of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and to integrate a family perspective in the planning process;

"2. *Recalls* its invitation to all States to set the end of 2003 as a target date for finalizing a programme for the observance of the tenth anniversary of the Year;

"3. *Also recalls* its invitation to Governments that had not already done so to set up national coordinating committees or similar mechanisms, as appropriate, for the anniversary, and invites them, as well as the Governments of countries with existing bodies responsible for preparations and observance, to intensify preparatory measures already under way;

"4. *Recommends* that all relevant actors, including Governments, civil society, including relevant non-governmental organizations, and research and academic institutions, contribute to developing strategies and programmes aimed at strengthening the livelihood of families;

"5. *Encourages* United Nations agencies and bodies, including the regional commissions, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and research and academic institutions, to work closely with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in a coordinated manner on family-related issues, inter alia, by sharing experience and findings, in recognition of their valuable role in family policy development at all levels;

"6. *Recalls* its invitation to the Secretary-General to launch the tenth anniversary of the Year in early December 2003;

"7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to it at its fifty-ninth session, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council, on the final preparations for the observance of the tenth anniversary of the Year at all levels."

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Crime prevention and criminal justice

International cooperation in the fight against transnational organized crime: assistance to States in capacity-building with a view to facilitating the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the protocols thereto

Note by the Secretariat

By its resolution 2003/21 of 22 July 2003, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"**International cooperation in the fight against transnational organized crime: assistance to States in capacity-building with a view to facilitating the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto**

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* its resolution 55/25 of 15 November 2000, by which it adopted the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,[1] the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,[2] and the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,[3]

"*Recalling also* its resolution 55/255 of 31 May 2001, by which it adopted the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in

[1] General Assembly resolution 55/25, annex I.
[2] General Assembly resolution 55/25, annex II.
[3] General Assembly resolution 55/25, annex III.

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Firearms, Their Parts, Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,[4]

"*Recalling further* its resolution 56/120 of 19 December 2001, on action against transnational organized crime: assistance to States in capacity-building with a view to facilitating the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto,

"*Reaffirming its deep concern* at the impact of transnational organized crime on the political, social and economic stability and development of societies,

"*Reaffirming* that the adoption of the Convention and the Protocols thereto is a significant development in international criminal law and that they constitute important instruments for effective international cooperation against transnational organized crime,

"1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on ratification of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto;[5]

"2. *Welcomes* the imminent entry into force of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and notes the number of signatures and ratifications of the three Protocols to the Convention, which is likely to lead to the expected entry into force at an early date of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime;

"3. *Commends* the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime of the Secretariat for its work in promoting the ratification of the Convention and the Protocols thereto, including, in particular, the preparation of legislative guides designed to facilitate the ratification and subsequent implementation of those instruments, and invites the Centre to finalize the legislative guides and to disseminate them as widely as possible;

"4. *Welcomes* the organization by the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat of the treaty event "Focus 2003: treaties against transnational organized crime and terrorism", which is to be held during the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly in accordance with its resolution 57/173 of 18 December 2002, urges Member States to participate fully in that event, and also urges Member States that have not yet done so to deposit their instruments of ratification, approval or accession to the Convention and the Protocols thereto, in order to ensure the widest possible participation in those instruments and thus to maximize their effectiveness;

[4] General Assembly resolution 55/255, annex.

[5] E/CN.15/2003/5.

"5. Also welcomes the financial support provided by several donors to promote the entry into force and implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto, and encourages Member States to make sufficient voluntary contributions to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund, as well as contributions in direct support of activities and projects of the Centre, including through contributions to the institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network, for the provision of technical assistance to developing countries and countries with economies in transition for the implementation of those international legal instruments;

"6. *Requests* the Centre for International Crime Prevention, in its capacity as secretariat of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and its Protocols, to undertake all activities necessary to ensure the efficient preparation of the inaugural session of the Conference, in 2004;

"7. *Also requests* the Centre, within existing regular or extrabudgetary resources, in preparing to provide services to the Conference of the Parties, as mandated, to develop a guide containing elements that would be useful to States Parties in meeting their reporting requirements to the Conference of the Parties and to undertake a study on the functioning of extradition and mutual legal assistance through existing mechanisms, including bilateral, regional and multilateral agreements or arrangements;

"8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Centre with the resources necessary to enable it to promote, in an effective manner, the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto and to discharge its functions as the secretariat of the Conference of the Parties in accordance with its mandate;

"9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution in his report on the work of the Centre to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session."

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Strengthening international cooperation and technical assistance in promoting the implementation of the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism within the framework of the activities of the Centre for International Crime Prevention

Note by the Secretariat

By its resolution 2003/22 of 22 July 2003, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"**Strengthening international cooperation and technical assistance in promoting the implementation of the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism within the framework of the activities of the Centre for International Crime Prevention**

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* its relevant resolutions relating to the prevention and suppression of terrorism, as well as Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001) of 28 September 2001, 1377 (2001) of 12 November 2001 and 1456 (2003) of 20 January 2003,

"*Recalling also* its resolutions 56/1 of 12 September 2001, in which it strongly condemned the heinous acts of terrorism of 11 September 2001, and 57/27 of 19 November 2002, in which it also condemned those in Bali and Moscow, and urgently called for international cooperation to prevent and eradicate acts of terrorism, as well as Security Council resolution 1465 (2003) of 13 February 2003, in which the Council condemned the bombing attack in Bogota on 7 February 2003,

"*Recalling further* its resolution 57/173 of 18 December 2002, in which it affirmed the importance of the role of the Centre for International Crime

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Prevention of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime of the Secretariat in the fulfilment of its mandate, including to prevent and combat terrorism, and in particular in strengthening international cooperation and providing technical assistance, upon request, which complements the work of the Counter-Terrorism Committee of the Security Council,

"*Recalling* its resolution 57/292 of 20 December 2002, in section IV of which it approved the strengthening of the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the Secretariat, given that terrorism was one of the priorities of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005,

"*Mindful* of its resolution 56/261 of 31 January 2002, on the plans of action for the implementation of the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century, which includes a plan of action against terrorism,

"*Supporting* the ongoing efforts of the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to enhance an integrated approach to combating terrorism, drug trafficking, transnational organized crime and other related forms of criminal activity,

"*Stressing* the need for close coordination and cooperation between States, international, regional and subregional organizations and the Counter-Terrorism Committee, as well as the Centre for International Crime Prevention, in preventing and combating terrorism and criminal activities carried out for the purpose of furthering terrorism in all its forms and manifestations,

"*Convinced* of the need, as asserted by the General Assembly and the Security Council in various resolutions, in particular Council resolution 1373 (2001), to prevent and suppress acts of terrorism, and noting with deep concern the links between terrorism and transnational organized crime, drug trafficking, money-laundering and trafficking in arms, as well as illegal transfers of nuclear, chemical and biological materials,

"*Expressing its appreciation* to the Government of Austria and the Centre for International Crime Prevention for the organization of the symposium on the theme 'Combating international terrorism: the contribution of the United Nations', held in Vienna on 3 and 4 June 2002, and taking note of the report of the Executive Director,[1]

"*Recalling* that Member States must ensure that any measures taken to combat terrorism comply with all their obligations under international law and that such measures are adopted in accordance with international law, in particular international human rights, refugee and humanitarian law, as appropriate,

"*Noting with appreciation* that the Ad Hoc Committee established by the General Assembly in its resolution 51/120 of 17 December 1996 is continuing the preparation of a draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism and of a draft international convention on the suppression of acts of nuclear terrorism,

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[1] See A/57/152 and Corr.1, A/57/152/Add.1 and Corr.1 and 2 and A/57/152/Add.2.

"1. *Encourages* the activities of the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime of the Secretariat within its mandates in the area of preventing terrorism by providing Member States, upon request, with technical assistance, specifically to implement the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism, thereby strengthening international cooperation in preventing and combating terrorism, working in close coordination with the Counter-Terrorism Committee established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat, as well as with international, regional and subregional organizations;

"2. *Welcomes* the establishment of the Global Programme against Terrorism, launched by the Centre for International Crime Prevention, which provides the appropriate framework for activities supporting Member States in their fight against terrorism, in particular through the implementation of the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism;

"3. *Calls upon* Member States that have not yet done so to become parties to and implement the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism and, where appropriate, to request assistance to that end from the Centre for International Crime Prevention;

"4. *Notes* the preparation of a United Nations legislative guide to the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism, which was reviewed by an expert group hosted by the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences in Siracusa, Italy, from 3 to 5 December 2002, and invites States that have not yet ratified or acceded to the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism to make use of the legislative guide in their efforts to incorporate the provisions of those instruments into their national legislation;

"5. *Urges* Member States to continue working together, also on a regional and bilateral basis and in close cooperation with the United Nations, to prevent and combat acts of terrorism by strengthening international cooperation and technical assistance within the framework of Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001), 1377 (2001) and 1456 (2003) and other relevant international instruments and in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and international law;

"6. *Requests* the Centre for International Crime Prevention, subject to the availability of regular or extrabudgetary resources, to prepare guidelines on technical assistance according to which the Centre, acting in areas within its competence and in coordination with the Counter-Terrorism Committee, will provide assistance, related to promoting the ratification of, accession to and implementation of the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism and to identify concrete elements of such assistance with a view to facilitating cooperation among Member States in combating terrorism, and to submit those guidelines to Member States for their consideration;

"7. *Also requests* the Centre, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary funds, to intensify its efforts to provide technical assistance, upon request, in preventing and combating terrorism through the implementation of the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism,

with particular emphasis on the need to coordinate its work with the Counter-Terrorism Committee and international, regional and subregional organizations;

"8. *Expresses its appreciation* to donor countries that, through voluntary contributions to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund or through direct contributions to the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network, have supported the launching of the Global Programme against Terrorism, and invites all States to make adequate voluntary contributions to the Fund in order to strengthen the capacity of the Centre to provide technical assistance to requesting Member States, in particular for promoting the ratification of, accession to and implementation of the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism;

"9. *Recommends* that the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, in coordination with other United Nations entities, in particular the Counter- Terrorism Committee, keep under regular review the progress made by Member States in becoming parties to and implementing the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism and the needs of Member States requesting technical assistance;

"10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to organize a senior-level discussion during the thirteenth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on progress made with regard to the criminal justice aspects of terrorism and international cooperation and to the universal conventions and protocols related to terrorism, and invites the Counter-Terrorism Committee and relevant international organizations to participate in that discussion;

"11. *Invites* Member States to provide the Secretary-General with information on the nature of links between terrorism and other forms of crime in order to increase synergies in the delivery of technical assistance by the Centre for International Crime Prevention, and requests the Secretary-General to include an analysis of such information in his report on the implementation of the present resolution;

"12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution."

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Strengthening international cooperation in preventing and combating trafficking in persons and protecting victims of such trafficking

Note by the Secretariat

By its resolution 2003/20 of 22 July 2003, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"**Strengthening international cooperation in preventing and combating trafficking in persons and protecting victims of such trafficking**

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* the Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power,[1]

"*Taking note* of guideline 8, "Special measures for the protection and support of child victims of trafficking", contained in the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,[2]

"*Recalling* the Convention on the Rights of the Child,[3] and noting the entry into force of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography,[4]

"*Recalling also* International Labour Organization Convention No. 182 of 1999, concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour, which prohibits forced or obligatory labour of all people under the age of eighteen,

[1] General Assembly resolution 40/34, annex.
[2] E/2002/68/Add.1.
[3] General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex.
[4] General Assembly resolution 54/263, annex II.

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"*Recalling further* paragraphs 25 and 27 of the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century,[5]

"*Recalling* its resolution 55/25 of 15 November 2000, by which it adopted the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,[6] and in particular the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,[7]

"*Condemning* trafficking in persons as an abhorrent form of modern-day slavery and as an act that is contrary to universal human rights,

"*Decrying* the treatment of human beings as commodities bartered, bought or sold by traffickers, in particular exploiters,

"*Deeply concerned* at the worldwide occurrence of trafficking in persons for the purpose of exploitation of all kinds by transnational organized criminal groups, many of which are also involved in other forms of illegal activity, including trafficking in firearms, money-laundering, drug trafficking and corruption,

"*Profoundly alarmed* by the fact that trafficking in persons is a growing and profitable trade in most parts of the world, aggravated by, inter alia, poverty, armed conflict, inadequate social and economic conditions and demand in the illicit labour and sex markets,

"*Expressing dismay* at the ability of criminal networks to avoid punishment while preying on the vulnerabilities of their victims,

"*Noting* the distinctions and interlinkages between the two criminal behaviours of trafficking in persons, as set forth in the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and of smuggling of migrants, as set forth in the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,[8]

"*Convinced* of the urgent need for broad and concerted international cooperation among all Member States, employing a multidisciplinary, balanced and global approach, including adequate technical assistance, in order to prevent and combat trafficking in persons,

"*Convinced also* that civil society, including non-governmental organizations, can play a role in reducing existing and future opportunities for victimization in the field of trafficking and in assisting Governments in promoting protection of victims through comprehensive and non-stigmatizing social and appropriate economic assistance to victims, including in the areas of health, education, housing and employment,

"*Welcoming* efforts of Member States, in particular countries of origin, transit and destination, to create awareness among civil society concerning the

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[5] General Assembly resolution 55/59, annex.
[6] General Assembly resolution 55/25, annex I.
[7] General Assembly resolution 55/25, annex II.
[8] General Assembly resolution 55/25, annex III.

seriousness of the crime of trafficking and of its various forms, as well as the role of the public in preventing victimization and assisting victims of trafficking,

"*Noting* the thematic discussion on trafficking in human beings, especially women and children, held by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its twelfth session,

"1. *Urges* Member States to employ a comprehensive approach to combating trafficking in persons, incorporating law enforcement efforts and, where appropriate, the confiscation and seizure of the proceeds of trafficking, protection of victims and preventive measures, including measures against activities that draw profit from the exploitation of victims of trafficking;

"2. *Calls upon* Member States to collaborate with a view to preventing trafficking in persons, especially for the purpose of sexual exploitation, through:

(a) Improved technical cooperation to strengthen local and national institutions aimed at preventing trafficking in persons, especially women and children, in countries of origin;

(b) Information campaigns on the techniques and methods of traffickers, programmes of education aimed at prospective targets, as well as vocational training in social skills and assistance in the re-integration of victims of trafficking into society;

(c) Focusing on post-conflict regions where patterns of human trafficking are emerging as a new phenomenon and incorporating anti-trafficking measures into early intervention;

"3. *Recognizes* that broad international cooperation between Member States and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations is essential to effectively counter the threat of trafficking in persons;

"4. *Urges* Member States to take measures to ratify or accede to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,6 the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime7 and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography4 and to implement those instruments by, inter alia:

(a) Criminalizing trafficking in persons;

(b) Promoting cooperation among law enforcement authorities in combating trafficking in persons;

(c) Establishing the offence of trafficking in persons as a predicate offence for money-laundering offences;

"5. *Invites* Member States to adopt measures, in accordance with their domestic law and capacity, inter alia:

(a) To fight sexual exploitation with a view to abolishing it, by prosecuting and punishing those who engage in that activity;

(b) To raise awareness, especially through training, among criminal justice officials and others as appropriate of the needs of victims of trafficking and of the crucial role of victims in detecting and prosecuting this crime by, inter alia:

(i) Investigation of all cases reported by victims, prevention of further victimization and in general treatment of victims with respect;

(ii) Treatment of victims and witnesses with sensitivity throughout criminal judicial proceedings, in accordance with articles 24 and 25 of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and article 6, paragraph 2, of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children;

"6. *Also invites* Member States to adopt measures, in accordance with their domestic law and capacity, inter alia:

(a) To provide assistance and protection to victims of trafficking in persons, including measures to permit victims of trafficking to remain in their territory temporarily or permanently, as appropriate;

(b) To promote the legislative and other measures necessary to establish a wide range of assistance, including legal, psychological, medical and social assistance and, if appropriate, compensation or restitution, to the actual victims of trafficking, subject to the determination of the existence of victimization;

(c) To provide humane treatment for all victims of trafficking, taking into account their age, gender and particular needs, in accordance with article 6, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children;

(d) To assist in the re-integration of victims of trafficking into society;

"7. *Further invites* Member States, as appropriate, to develop guidelines for the protection of victims of trafficking before, during and after criminal proceedings;

"8. *Urges* Member States to ensure that measures taken against trafficking in persons, especially women and children, are consistent with internationally recognized principles of non-discrimination and that they respect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of victims;

"9. *Invites* Member States to set up mechanisms for coordination and collaboration between governmental and non-governmental organizations with a view to responding to the immediate needs of victims of trafficking;

"10. *Also invites* Member States to allocate appropriate resources for victim services, public awareness campaigns and law enforcement activities directed at eliminating trafficking and exploitation and to foster international cooperation, including adequate technical assistance and capacity-building programmes, to improve the ability of Member States to take effective measures against trafficking in persons;

"11. *Encourages* Member States to examine the role of the exploitation of the prostitution of others in encouraging trafficking in persons;

"12. *Also encourages* Member States to adopt legislative or other measures to reduce the demand that fosters all forms of trafficking in persons, including by cooperating with non-governmental organizations and civil society and by raising public awareness of how sexual and other forms of exploitation degrade their victims and the related risks of trafficking in persons, especially women and children;

"13. *Further encourages* Member States to take measures, including raising public awareness, to discourage, especially among men, the demand that fosters sexual exploitation, in accordance with article 9, paragraph 5, of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children;

"14. *Encourages* Member States to target the link, where appropriate, between trafficking in persons for purposes of sexual and other forms of exploitation and further types of crime;

"15. *Encourages* the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime of the Secretariat to continue its close cooperation and coordination with relevant international and regional organizations in this area;

"16. *Encourages* Member States to make voluntary contributions to further strengthen and support the Centre and its Global Programme against Trafficking in Human Beings, in particular in the area of technical assistance activities;

"17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its fourteenth session on the implementation of the present resolution."

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Preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Note by the Secretariat

By its resolution 2003/23 of 22 July 2003, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* its resolutions 56/119 of 19 December 2001, on the role, function, periodicity and duration of the United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, and 57/171 of 18 December 2002, on preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,

"*Considering* that, pursuant to its resolutions 415 (V) of 1 December 1950 and 46/152 of 18 December 1991, the Eleventh Congress is to be held in 2005,

"*Bearing in mind* the guidelines for and the new format of the United Nations congresses, as stipulated in paragraph 2 of resolution 56/119, as well as paragraphs 29 and 30 of the statement of principles and programme of action of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, annexed to resolution 46/152,

"*Recalling* that, in its resolution 57/171, it requested the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, at its twelfth session, to finalize the programme for the Eleventh Congress and to make its final recommendations, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly,

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"*Recognizing* the significant contributions of the United Nations congresses in promoting the exchange of experience in research, law and policy development and the identification of emerging trends and issues in crime prevention and criminal justice among States, intergovernmental organizations and individual experts representing various professions and disciplines,

"*Recalling* that in its resolution 57/171 it had decided that the main theme of the Eleventh Congress should be 'Synergies and responses: strategic alliances in crime prevention and criminal justice',

"*Recalling also* its resolution 57/170 of 18 December 2002, on follow-up to the plans of action for the implementation of the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century,

"*Stressing* the importance of undertaking all the preparatory activities for the Eleventh Congress in a timely and concerted manner,

"*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,[1]

"1. *Notes* the progress made thus far in the preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice;

"2. *Decides* to hold the Eleventh Congress from 18 to 25 April 2005, with pre-congress consultations to be held on 18 April 2005;

"3. *Decides also* that the high-level segment of the Eleventh Congress shall be held during the last three days of the Congress in order to allow heads of State or Government or government ministers to focus on the main substantive agenda items of the Congress;

"4. *Approves* the following provisional agenda for the Eleventh Congress, finalized by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its twelfth session:

1. Opening of the Congress.
2. Organizational matters.
3. Effective measures to combat transnational organized crime.
4. International cooperation against terrorism and links between terrorism and other criminal activities in the context of the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.
5. Corruption: threats and trends in the twenty-first century.
6. Economic and financial crimes: challenges to sustainable development.
7. Making standards work: fifty years of standard-setting in crime prevention and criminal justice.
8. Adoption of the report of the Congress.

[1] E/CN.15/2003/11 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2.

"5. *Decides* that the following issues shall be considered by workshops within the framework of the Eleventh Congress:

(a) Enhancing international law enforcement cooperation, including extradition measures;

(b) Enhancing criminal justice reform, including restorative justice;

(c) Strategies and best practices for crime prevention, in particular in relation to urban crime and youth at risk;

(d) Measures to combat terrorism, with reference to the relevant international conventions and protocols;

(e) Measures to combat economic crime, including money-laundering;

(f) Measures to combat computer-related crime;

"6. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to prepare, in cooperation with the institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network, a discussion guide for the regional preparatory meetings for the Eleventh Congress;

"7. *Urges* the regional preparatory meetings to examine the substantive items on the agenda and the workshop topics of the Eleventh Congress and to make action-oriented recommendations to serve as a basis for the draft recommendations and conclusions for consideration by the Eleventh Congress and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its fourteenth session;

"8. *Emphasizes* the importance of the workshops, and invites Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other relevant entities to provide financial, organizational and technical support to the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime of the Secretariat and to the institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network for the preparations for the workshops, including the preparation and circulation of relevant background material;

"9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the discussion guide for the workshops, requested in paragraph 6 above, consideration of technical cooperation ideas, projects and documents related to enhancing bilateral and multilateral efforts in technical assistance activities in crime prevention and criminal justice;

"10. *Invites* donor countries to cooperate with developing countries to ensure their full participation in the workshops;

"11. *Approves* the plan for documentation for the Eleventh Congress, as proposed by the Secretary-General in his report on preparations for the Congress,[2] taking into account the recommendations of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice related thereto;

"12. *Invites* Governments and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to inform the Eleventh Congress about their

[2] E/CN.15/2003/11, para. 64.

activities with a view to the implementation of the plans of action for the implementation of the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century, which are contained in the annex to resolution 56/261, as guidance for the formulation of legislation, policies and programmes in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice at the national and international levels;

"13. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make available the necessary resources for the participation of the least developed countries in the regional preparatory meetings for the Eleventh Congress and at the Congress itself, in accordance with past practice;

"14. *Encourages* Governments to undertake preparations for the Eleventh Congress at an early stage by all appropriate means, including, where appropriate, the establishment of national preparatory committees, with a view to contributing to a focused and productive discussion on the topics and to participating actively in the organization of and follow-up to the workshops;

"15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide resources, as required, in accordance with established United Nations budgetary practice and within the overall appropriations of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, in order to ensure a wide and effective programme of public information relating to the preparations for the Eleventh Congress, to the Congress itself and to the follow-up to and implementation of its recommendations;

"16. *Reiterates its invitation* to Member States to be represented at the Eleventh Congress at the highest possible level, for example, by heads of State or Government or government ministers and attorneys general, to make statements on the theme and topics of the Congress and to participate in thematic interactive round tables;

"17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to facilitate the organization of ancillary meetings of non-governmental and professional organizations participating in the Eleventh Congress, in accordance with past practice, as well as meetings of professional and geographical interest groups, and to take appropriate measures to encourage the participation of the academic and research community in the Eleventh Congress;

"18. *Again encourages* the relevant specialized agencies, United Nations programmes and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as other professional organizations, to cooperate with the Centre for International Crime Prevention in the preparations for the Eleventh Congress;

"19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to appoint a Secretary-General and an Executive Secretary of the Eleventh Congress, in accordance with past practice, to perform their functions under the rules of procedure for United Nations congresses on crime prevention and criminal justice;

"20. *Requests* the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to accord sufficient time at its thirteenth session to reviewing the progress made in the preparations for the Congress, to finalize in good time all the necessary organizational and substantive arrangements and to make its recommendations through the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly;

"21. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the proper follow-up to the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly through the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its thirteenth session."

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Mongolia: draft resolution

Cooperatives in social development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 47/90 of 16 December 1992, 49/155 of 23 December 1994, 51/58 of 12 December 1996, 54/123 of 17 December 1999 and 56/114 of 19 December 2001, entitled "Cooperatives in social development",

Recognizing that cooperatives, in their various forms, promote the fullest possible participation in the economic and social development of all people, including women, youth, older persons and people with disabilities, and are becoming a major factor of economic and social development,

Recognizing also the important contribution and potential of all forms of cooperatives to the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development, the Fourth World Conference on Women, the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and their five-year reviews, the World Food Summit, the Second World Assembly on Ageing, the International Conference on Financing for Development and the World Summit on Sustainable Development,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperatives in social development;[1]

2. *Draws the attention* of Member States to the proposals contained in the report of the Secretary-General for further action to promote a supportive environment for the development of cooperatives;

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3. *Also draws the attention* of Member States to the revised guidelines aimed at creating a supportive environment for the development of cooperatives to be considered by them in developing or revising their national policies on cooperatives;

4. *Encourages* Governments to keep under review, as appropriate, the legal and administrative provisions governing the activities of cooperatives, with a view to ensuring a supportive environment for them and to protecting and advancing the potential of cooperatives to help them achieve their goals;

5. *Urges* Governments, relevant international organizations and specialized agencies, in collaboration with national and international cooperative organizations, to give due consideration to the role and contribution of cooperatives in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit for Social Development, the Fourth World Conference on Women, the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and their five-year reviews, the World Food Summit, the Second World Assembly on Ageing, the International Conference on Financing for Development and the World Summit on Sustainable Development by, inter alia:

(a) Utilizing and developing fully the potential and contribution of cooperatives for the attainment of social development goals, in particular the eradication of poverty, the generation of full and productive employment and the enhancement of social integration;

(b) Encouraging and facilitating the establishment and development of cooperatives, including taking measures aimed at enabling people living in poverty or belonging to vulnerable groups to engage on a voluntary basis in the creation and development of cooperatives;

(c) Taking appropriate measures aimed at creating a supportive and enabling environment for the development of cooperatives by, inter alia, developing an effective partnership between Governments and the cooperative movement, promoting better legislation, training, research, sharing of good practices and human resources development;

6. *Invites* Governments, in collaboration with the cooperative movement, to develop programmes to promote and strengthen the education of members, the elected leadership and professional cooperative management, where appropriate, and to create or improve statistical databases on the development of cooperatives and on their contribution to national economies;

7. *Also invites* Governments, relevant international organizations, specialized agencies and local, national and international cooperative organizations to continue to observe the International Day of Cooperatives annually, on the first Saturday of July, as proclaimed by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/90 of 16 December 1992;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the relevant United Nations and other international organizations, national, regional and international cooperative organizations, to render support to Member States, as appropriate, in their efforts to create a supportive environment for the development of cooperatives, to provide further assistance for human resources development, technical advice and training, and to promote an exchange of experience and best practices, through, inter

alia, conferences, workshops and seminars at the national and regional levels;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution focusing on the role of cooperatives in poverty eradication.

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Barbados, Philippines and United Republic of Tanzania: draft resolution

Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: towards a society for all in the twenty-first century

The General Assembly,

Recalling the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and reaffirming the obligations contained in relevant human rights instruments, including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women[1] and the Convention on the Rights of the Child,[2]

Recalling also its resolutions 37/52 of 3 December 1982, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,[3] 48/96 of 20 December 1993, by which it adopted the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, 49/153 of 23 December 1994, 50/144 of 21 December 1995, 52/82 of 12 December 1997, 54/121 of 17 December 1999 and 56/115 of 19 December 2001,

Recalling further all of its relevant resolutions on the equalization of opportunities for and the human rights of persons with disabilities, and those of the Economic and Social Council and its functional commissions,

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration adopted on 8 September 2000 by the heads of State and Government at the Millennium Summit of the United Nations,[4] and recognizing the need to promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms of people with disabilities,

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[1] Resolution 34/180, annex.
[2] Resolution 44/25, annex.
[3] A/57/351/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendation I (IV).
[4] See resolution 55/2.

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Noting with appreciation the initiatives and actions of Governments to implement relevant sections of the Standard Rules and of relevant resolutions that give special attention to accessible environments and information and communications technologies, health, education and social services, employment and sustainable livelihoods, including the relevant activities of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

Reaffirming the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits and their respective follow-up reviews,

Noting with appreciation the assessment by the Secretary-General of the implementation of the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities, ensuring their full participation and equality, as well as the measures undertaken by the United Nations system aimed at preventing disabling conditions,[5]

Noting the adoption by the World Assembly on Ageing of the Political Declaration and the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002,[6] which considered "older persons and disability" as a specific issue for policy concern,

Noting also the preparatory work of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities of establishing a Working Group with the aim of preparing and presenting a draft text which would be the basis for the negotiation of the draft convention,

Recognizing the strong commitment of Governments to the equalization of opportunities and to the rights of persons with disabilities in the context of development, as well as the increased interest of the international community in the promotion and protection of the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities under a comprehensive and integral approach,

Acknowledging the important role of non-governmental organizations in the promotion and protection of the human rights of persons with disabilities, and noting in this regard their work in promoting the elaboration of an international convention on the rights of disabled persons,

Noting with appreciation the important contributions of regional intergovernmental organizations and the regional commissions of the United Nations in promoting awareness and building capacities for the full participation and equality of persons with disabilities, as well as the outcome of international conferences related to persons with disabilities, including the Interregional Seminar and Demonstration Workshop on Accessible Information and Communications Technologies and Persons with Disabilities, held in Manila in March 2003,

Mindful of the need to adopt and implement effective policies and strategies to promote the rights and the full and effective participation of persons with disabilities at all levels, including at the community level,

Reiterating that technology, in particular information and communications technology, provides new possibilities for improving accessibility and employment

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[5] See A/56/169 and Corr.1, paras. 25 and 26.

[6] *Report of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, Madrid, 8-12 April 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.IV.4), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

for persons with disabilities and for facilitating their full and effective participation and equality, and welcoming the initiatives of the United Nations and contributions from regional groups in promoting information and communications technology as a means of achieving the universal goal of a society for all,

Recognizing the importance of timely and reliable data on disability-sensitive topics, programme planning and evaluation and the need for further development of practical statistical methodology for the collection and compilation of data on populations with disabilities,

Recognizing also the challenge for the new century to incorporate the disability dimension better in mainstream technical cooperation activities, since persons with disabilities are also agents and beneficiaries of development,

Concerned that improvement of awareness of and sensitivity to disability issues and respect for the human rights of disabled persons has not been significant enough to improve the quality of life of persons with disabilities worldwide,

Concerned also about the slow progress on measurement, monitoring and evaluation of the situation of persons with disabilities as a mainstream issue,

Concerned further that the association between poverty and disability needs to be addressed with reference to a development framework as well as the critical importance of rural issues affecting the situation of persons with disabilities,

Expressing grave concern that situations of armed conflict and acts of terrorism continue to have especially devastating consequences for the human rights of persons with disabilities,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General[7] on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;[3] including the Secretary-General's recommendations related to policy options to promote the rights of persons with disabilities in the context of development;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the valuable work undertaken by the Special Rapporteur on disability of the Commission for Social Development related to a comprehensive and integral international convention to protect and promote the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities, in which a twin-track approach in the process to elaborate the convention was recommended, and also notes with appreciation the contribution of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in supporting the work of the Special Rapporteur;

3. *Encourages* Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the private sector, as appropriate, to continue to take concrete measures to mainstream persons with disabilities into the development process and promote the implementation of relevant United Nations resolutions and agreed international standards concerning persons with disabilities, in particular the Standard Rules, and for the further equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities by focusing on accessibility, health, education, social services, sports and cultural development, including training and rehabilitation, information and communications technologies, safety nets, employment and sustainable live'ihoods,

[7] A/58/61-E/2003/5.

in the design and implementation of strategies, policies and programmes to promote a more inclusive society;

4. *Calls upon* Governments to undertake all necessary measures to advance beyond the adoption of national plans for people with disabilities through, inter alia, the creation or reinforcement of arrangements for the promotion and awareness of disability issues and the allocation of sufficient resources for the full implementation of existing plans and initiatives, and emphasizes in this regard the importance of supporting national efforts through international cooperation;

5. *Encourages* Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue to take practical actions, including public information campaigns, by, for and with persons with disabilities, with a view to increasing awareness of and sensitivity to disability issues, combating and overcoming discrimination against persons with disabilities and furthering their full and effective participation in society;

6. *Encourages* Governments to continue their support to non-governmental organizations and other groups, including self-help groups, that contribute to the fulfilment of the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, and in this regard, recognizes the important contribution of the Washington Group on Disability Measurement of the Statistical Commission;

7. *Also encourages* Governments to involve persons with disabilities in the formulation of strategies and plans aimed at eradicating poverty, promoting education and enhancing employment;

8. *Urges* relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, including relevant human rights treaty bodies and the regional commissions, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions, to continue to work closely with the programme on disability of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Secretariat in the promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities, including activities at the field level, by sharing experiences, findings, and recommendations on persons with disabilities, and to incorporate the disability perspective in their activities;

9. *Stresses* the importance of urgent action to improve data and statistics on persons with disabilities so that they can be compared internationally for purposes of policy design, planning and evaluation from the disability perspective;

10. *Urges* Governments to cooperate with the Statistics Division of the Secretariat in the continued development of global statistics and indicators on disability, and encourages them to avail themselves of the technical assistance of the Division to build national capacities for national data collection systems, including the compilation and dissemination of data on disabled persons, as well as the development of methods for data collection and disability statistics, as appropriate;

11. *Urges* Governments, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to provide special protection to girls and women with disabilities, older people with disabilities, rural people with disabilities, indigenous people with disabilities, persons disabled owing to terrorist acts and armed conflict and persons with developmental and psychiatric disabilities, with special emphasis on integrating them into society through enabling interventions and environments

essential to their independence, including reasonable accommodation, and protecting and promoting their human rights;

12. *Urges* Governments, in collaboration with the United Nations system, to give special attention to the rights, needs and well-being of children with disabilities and their families in the development of policies and programmes, including the implementation of the Standard Rules;

13. *Encourages* Governments, intergovernmental organizations, concerned non-governmental organizations and the private sector to continue to support the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability with a view to strengthening its capacity to support catalytic and innovative activities to implement fully the World Programme of Action and the Standard Rules, including the work of the Special Rapporteur, and to support activities to build national capacities, with emphasis on priorities for action identified in the present resolution;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to support initiatives of relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, as well as those of regional, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions, for the promotion of all human rights of, and non-discrimination in respect of, persons with disabilities and the further implementation of the World Programme of Action, as well as their efforts to integrate persons with disabilities in technical cooperation activities, both as beneficiaries and as decision makers;

15. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his efforts in improving the accessibility of the United Nations for persons with disabilities, and urges him to continue to implement plans to provide a barrier-free environment;

16. *Welcomes* the review by the Secretary-General in his current report on the fourth quinquennial review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action,[7] and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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The General Assembly,

Recalling the World Summit for Social Development, held at Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995, and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world", held at Geneva from 26 June to 1 July 2000,

Reaffirming that the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action[1] and the further initiatives for social development adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth special session[2] constitute the basic framework for the promotion of social development for all at the national and international levels,

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration[3] and the development goals contained therein, as well as the commitments made at major United Nations conferences, special sessions and summits,

Also recalling its resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields,

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[1] *Report of the World Summit for Social Development*, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

[2] Resolution S-24/2, annex.

[3] See resolution 55/2.

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Noting that the Commission for Social Development will consider at its forty-third session in 2005 as its priority theme "Review of the further implementation of the World Summit for Social Development and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly",

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General;[4]

2. *Reaffirms* the need to take effective measures to implement the commitments made by heads of State and Government at the World Summit for Social Development, contained in the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action,[1] which established a new consensus to place people at the centre of development policies and pledged to eradicate poverty, promote full and productive employment and foster social integration so as to achieve stable, safe and just societies for all;

3. *Also reaffirms* the decisions on further action and initiatives to accelerate social development for all, adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth special session and contained in the further initiatives for social development;[2]

4. *Emphasizes* that in addition to social policies, progress in the realization of development goals such as the eradication of poverty, social justice, equality and social integration and the promotion and protection of human rights require supportive and coherent short-term and long-term economic policies at the national and international levels;

5. *Also emphasizes* the need for a meaningful integration of economic and social policies at all levels of decision-making, invites the Economic and Social Council to assess the effectiveness of such integration and to make recommendations in this regard to the General Assembly, and requests the Commission for Social Development to give particular attention to this issue at its forthcoming sessions;

6. *Invites* the different entities of the United Nations system actively to pursue the integration of economic and social policies in their respective domains;

7. *Stresses*, in this regard, that the social development of developing countries and their capacity to pursue integrated socio-economic policies require their effective involvement and participation in international decision-making and norm-setting, including in international financial institutions, and calls upon all international institutions to take concrete measures to this end;

8. *Reaffirms* that, given the growing and multifaceted interdependence of all regions and countries, coherent and strengthened international cooperation is the indispensable complement to the efforts of developing countries to promote their social development and reduce poverty and that such international cooperation should include a favourable external economic environment and the creation of a culture of conflict prevention and peace;

9. *Recognizes* that social development requires the active involvement of all actors in the development process, including civil society organizations, corporations and small businesses, emphasizes in this regard that the notions of responsibility and accountability are applicable to all these actors, and calls upon the

[4] A/58/172.

United Nations and organizations of the United Nations system to incorporate these notions in their respective programmes of work;

10. *Reaffirms* that education, employment creation and progress in working conditions, which are indispensable elements of poverty reduction, social integration, gender equality and overall development, should be at the centre of development strategies and international cooperation in support of national policies, and encourages current initiatives of the United Nations system to foster youth employment and the elaboration of comprehensive employment strategies;

11. *Also reaffirms* the call of the Economic and Social Council for enhanced coordination within the United Nations system and the ongoing efforts to harmonize the current initiatives on Africa, and requests the Commission for Social Development to continue to give due prominence in its work to the social dimension of the New Partnership for Africa's Development;

12. *Welcomes* the contribution of the Commission for Social Development in the follow-up to and review of the further implementation of the commitments made at Copenhagen and the further initiatives agreed upon at Geneva, reaffirms that the Commission will continue to have the primary responsibility in this regard, and encourages Governments, the relevant specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system and civil society to enhance their support to its work;

13. *Recalls* its decision to review in 2005 the progress achieved in implementing all the commitments made in the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the possibility to hold a major event in this context, and in this regard calls upon the Commission for Social Development to transmit, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly for its consideration in 2005, the substantial outcome of its review of further implementation of the World Summit for Social Development and of its follow-up conference;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly", and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on this question to the Assembly at that session.